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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Sugawara et al.)	Examiner: Stephen M. Baker
Serial Number:)	
09/511,931)	Group Art Unit: 2133
Filing Date:)	
February 24, 2000)	
Title:)	
Disk Device with Improved)	
Error Correction Capability)	

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Technology Center 2100

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following.

THE CLAIMS:

The status of the claims is as follows:

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- B1
1. (Previously Amended) A disk device comprising:
a disk drive including a head for reading data written to a disk and a processing circuit for processing the data; and
a host computer connected to said disk drive through an interface;
wherein the processing circuit of said disk drive includes a low-level error-correction code unit for performing error correction of the data written to a physical address corresponding to a single sector of the disk; and
the host computer includes a high level error correction code unit for performing error correction of the read data supplied through the interface and read from more than one sector of the disk.